

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

8th October 2010

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative.

If you have anything you would like us to include in a future edition please contact me directly on 01926 412417, or email helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact me with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list. This newsletter is also available to download from the "Professionals" page of www.talk2someone.org.uk.

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NEWS & JOBS

Supporting People of Warwickshire - WDVSS Awareness Raising Display & Coffee Morning to highlight their work in Warwickshire

WDVSS are holding an open display and drop in coffee morning to showcase the work they do across the county supporting women who experience domestic violence.

The organisation, which is funded by Warwickshire's Supporting People funding stream, runs two refuges and a floating support service.

The Refuges, one in Rugby and one in Stratford-upon-Avon, cater for up to eight women and their children at any one time, have accommodated 35 women and 58 children in the past 12 months, with families staying on average around 3 – 6 Months.

'These facilities are vitally important as part of the overall service the organisation provides' Says Rachel Dempsey – services manager. 'Many of the women we work with need to spend some time in safe accommodation, while they come to terms with the end of their relationship and seek to start again on their own'

But not all women can go into refuge and WDVSS offer a Floating Support Service to help meet their needs. The organisation have 7 workers to cover the county and offer help and support to women seeking to make changes in their lives to enable them and their children to be safe. Between them they have supported 116 Women over the past 12 months and have received 1426 referrals.

'Telling others what is happening to you and asking for help to change your circumstances is a very scary time for women who are experiencing abuse in their homes' Says Wendy Huckle member of the organisation's Executive Committee. 'And they deserve all the help we can give them. Funding from the Supporting People team has enabled us to offer a county wide service developed through 20 years experience in this work - I don't know what the women that come to us would do without the help this funding enables us to provide.'

The Coffee morning is taking place on **Monday 25th October at the John Lees Hall in Regent Street, Rugby, from 10 – 1pm.** Anyone interested finding out more about the work the organisation undertakes is welcome to come along and meet some of the members of the team.

Please Note – Mark Pawsey MP will be attending the event at 10am.

THE FREEDOME PROGRAMME

**A Programme for Survivors of Domestic Violence
Facilitated by Warwickshire Domestic Violence Support Services**

As recognised specialists in dealing with issues surrounding domestic violence, Warwickshire Domestic Violence Support Services are pleased to offer this valuable service.

The Freedom Programme is an invaluable addition to the services already offered by WDVSS. It is used specifically to raise awareness in women of what Domestic Violence is and how perpetrators of domestic violence operate.

Benefits to women

- Relaxed friendly environment.

- An honest and in depth look at the affects of Domestic violence on women and their children.
- Learn to take protective steps for the future
- An opportunity to talk privately with the facilitators at the end of every session.

Benefits to Agencies

- Women for whom one to one support may not be appropriate can still be referred to us and be informed on domestic violence and its affects.
- Attendance reports can be fed back to referring agencies.
- Women are more likely to engage in this informal setting.

The Freedom Programme will be run as a 12 week course, for about 15 participants. A waiting list will be operated and further courses will be run to accommodate demand as funding is available.

WDVSS has managed to obtain some funding for this work however to enable it to operate continuously, which is our aim, we will need to charge. Where attendance is a requirement of Child Protection or Court Proceedings, and monitoring and/or final report is required, there will be a cost levied on the referring agency. This cost will be £220 per woman where a crèche is provided. This cost can be reduced to £185 where no crèche is provided.

Women will need to be booked onto the course in advance using the referral form obtainable from our office. We will provide a crèche when we are able, however due to facilities and funding, this may not always be possible.

For further information and a referral form please see the attachments to this newsletter.

Teenage relationship abuse campaign

Sourced from TST Bulletin

The Home Office are considering the possibility of re-running the teenage relationship abuse campaign. At this stage they are asking for is a list of organisations that would support this. Then this list or 'petition' can be given to ministers to help them make their decision. Obviously there will not be any announcements or decisions until after the spending review but this is a crucial opportunity for us all to support a new campaign.

Once a decision has been made there will then be a chance for us to discuss what the content may be and what extra issues should be included (I have already mentioned the need to cover same sex relationships and the experiences of boys).

If you would like to support this, and have your name added to the list of supporters please email Jo Sharpen at this address: <mailto:Joanna.sharpen@avaproject.org.uk>

Warwickshire Victim & Witness Information Partnership

Relocation of VIP into the Justice Centre, Leamington Spa: 23 September 2010

With effect from 23 September 2010, VIP will operate from the 2nd floor of the Justice Centre at Leamington.

Current email addresses will remain but the new direct telephone contact number for VIP is as follows: - VIP reception – 0845 120 2325

Fax number – 0845 120 2326

Warwickshire Youth Justice Service - Change of Contact details

Warwickshire YJS have moved to the new Justice Centre in Leamington Spa. Their contact details are as follows:

Main Number: 01926 682 6520

Fax Number: 01926 682 636

Law Society wins judicial review over family legal aid tender

The Law Society has won its judicial review over the family legal aid tender after the High Court decided to quash the outcome of the tender round for new family legal aid contracts.

The High Court today declared that the Legal Services Commission's (LSC) family legal aid tender round was unlawful and severely hindered access to justice for vulnerable children and their parents.

To read more go to:

http://www.familylaw.co.uk/articles/LawSoc300910?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2fjordanpublishing.communigatormail1.co.uk%2fjordanspublishinglz%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=HL-+Newswatch+30.09.10&utm_term=Newswatch%3a+Law+Society+wins+family+legal+aid+tender+judicial+review+&utm_content=26228

Change of Contact Details: VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim support's Leamington office has moved to the New justice centre. The new contact numbers are as follows:

Deborah Shah Volunteer Manager: 01926682692

Victim care unit, general enquiries and referrals: 01926 682688, 01926 682689

Please save these numbers as we don't currently have a forward from the old number.

Hope you are all well, and if anyone requires presentations training sessions regarding our services please contact myself on 01789 266626.

Kind regards

Judith Payne
Service Development Manager (South)

As from Thursday 23rd September 2010

**The LCJB Business Team will relocate to
The Warwickshire Justice Centre, Leamington Spa,
Newbold Terrace
Leamington Spa
CV32 4EL**

Our new direct dial are as follows:

Jacqui Mannix – LCJB Business Manager – 01926 684074

Nicola Starr – LCJB Performance Officer – 01926 684014

Victoria Carruthers – LCJB Communications – 01926 684022
(currently on maternity leave)

Jill Dean – LCJB Admin Officer – 01926 684024

Liz Norris – Prolific & Priority Offender (PPO)
Scheme Coordinator – 01926 684071

Our fax number will be 0845120 2326

As of 23rd September 2010 please direct all post to the address above

Warwickshire Probation Trust - Change of Contact Details

From 15 September 2010 staff from the Stratford and Leamington Probation Offices and the Head Office in Warwick will be located in the new Warwickshire Justice Centre in Leamington.

For General Enquiries - do not use the number below for HR or Recruitment enquiries

Warwickshire Probation Trust
Warwickshire Justice Centre
Newbold Terrace
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 4EL

Tel : 01926 682217

Email : warwickshire.admin@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk

FUNDING

Bursaries available for the qualification: *'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse'*

Source: Women's Aid

The OCN accredited qualification *'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse'* is running in Bristol, Nottingham, London, Birmingham and Manchester. This first stage of the course is suitable for anyone whose work brings them into contact with domestic and sexual violence, for example specialist support staff, including refuge workers, refuge managers, outreach workers, anyone carrying out an IDVA role, specialist children's workers and also professionals working in related fields. Bursaries are available for remaining places on Bristol, Nottingham and London courses. The bursary is for voluntary organisations and spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis. The bursary is for £700 and your organisation has to pay the outstanding amount of £600. The bursaries must be allocated to learners by the end of September. Please note the bursary is not available for the training in Manchester and there are still spaces available. Please contact Angela on 0117 9447190 or [email a.lecomber@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:a.lecomber@womensaid.org.uk) for more information and an application form.

Training Dates

Bristol:

19th, 20th & 21st October
17th & 18th November
8th & 9th December
4th & 5th January 2011

Nottingham:

26th, 27th & 28th October
23rd & 24th November
18th & 19th January
8th & 9th March

London:

9th, 10th & 11th November
14th & 15th December
11th & 12th January 2011
8th & 9th February 2011

Manchester:

22nd, 23rd & 24th February 2011
22nd & 23rd March 2011
19th & 20th April 2011
17th & 18th May 2011

CPS human trafficking consultation - have your say

The Crown Prosecution Service has drafted a Public Policy Statement which informs organisations how it handles cases involving victims of Human Trafficking crimes, and it would like contributions to its consultation on the issue.

Consultation questions include: Is the description of trafficking and smuggling legislation explained clearly? Has the organisation provided enough explanation of how it builds prosecutions in human trafficking cases, and is there enough explanation of the victim's role and what can be done to support victims and witnesses?

The consultation is open until 31st October and you can respond using the link below:

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/ht_index.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=WRC&utm_campaign=WRC+enews+5+October+2010&dm_i=4DW,9GLL,2EXY4R,P539,1

PUBLICATIONS

Information for men who are concerned about their behaviour towards their partners

Summary: Aimed at any man who has used any abusive or violent behaviours towards a female partner or ex-partner and wants help to change. Provides support to abusive men to make the changes they need, so that their partner and children are no longer frightened of them. Encourages men to face up to their feelings and how they are making their partners feel, recognising the triggers for their violent behaviours and how to seek time out to calm down. Concludes with information about the Respect helplines.

Publication details: London: Respect, [2009] pp 28

ISBN:

Shelf mark:

Authors:

Corporate authors: Respect

Download the full publication using the link below:

http://www.respectphoneline.org.uk/data/files/choose_to_stop_booklet_for_men.pdf

Resolving a violent dispute

Summary: A social worker describes his work with a 14 year old girl who physically assaulted a member staff in the care home she was living in. She received a youth rehabilitation order (YRO) and the social worker was assigned to supervise. Outlines the girl's history of witnessing violence at home and her multiple placements in care. Describes at the anger management work and mediation with the care home workers to encourage placement stability.

Publication details: Community Care Issue 1835, 2010 pp 20-21

Authors: Drinkwater, Mark

Download the full publication using the link below:

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/09/10/115292/risk-factor-dealing-with-an-aggressive-teenager-in-care.htm>

Amendments to the EU draft directive on human trafficking

Amendments to the EU draft directive on human trafficking have added forced begging, the illegal adoption of children and trafficking for forced marriage to the definition of exploitation. The Council of Europe will start debating the amendments on 14 September 2010. The Home Office will review the UK's position once the directive has been agreed.

Source: [European Parliament Press Release](#) 02 September 2010

Further information:

[Guardian](#) 30 August 2010

[Draft report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, 2010/0065\(COD\)](#)

NICE: Pregnancy and complex social factors

Sourced from TST Bulletin

You may be interested to know that the clinical guidelines for **Pregnancy and complex social factors** were published on 22 September 2010 and are now available on the NICE website at <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG110> .

New NEP report on human rights laws for the voluntary sector

Want to know more about how to use human rights legislation but unsure where to start?

The National Equality Partnership (NEP) has launched its new Voluntary and Community Sector Guide to Using International Human Rights for organisations looking to find out more about human rights law and its uses.

International human rights' laws have the potential to be used in a wide range of ways to transform the relationship between individuals and those in power.

The guide seeks to address this by giving voluntary and community sector organisations information on how to use international human rights' laws in creative and effective ways to transform the lives of the people they are working with and for.

The guide will shortly be available on NEP's website but if you would like a hard copy please contact Heather Rogers on heather@wrc.org.uk or call 0207 324 3052.

A full list of all NEP's publications can also be views on the website. To order any of our publications please view the order form, available at [herehttp://www.nationalequalitypartnership.org/index.php/order-national-equality-partnership-publications/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=WRC&utm_campaign=WRC+enews+5+October+2010&dm_i=4DW,9GLL,2EXY4R,P53L,1](http://www.nationalequalitypartnership.org/index.php/order-national-equality-partnership-publications/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=WRC&utm_campaign=WRC+enews+5+October+2010&dm_i=4DW,9GLL,2EXY4R,P53L,1).

You can also respond to NEP's evaluation using their survey http://www.nationalequalitypartnership.org/survey/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=WRC&utm_campaign=WRC+enews+5+October+2010&dm_i=4DW,9GLL,2EXY4R,P53L,1.

CONSULTATIONS

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency. A consultation

Source: Women's Aid

The Equality Act 2010 received Royal Assent in April 2010. An important part of the Act is the public sector Equality Duty, which has a key role in ensuring that fairness is at the heart of public bodies' work and that public services meet the needs of different groups. The Act also gives ministers the power to impose specific duties, which are legal requirements designed to help public bodies meet their obligations under the public sector Equality Duty.

This consultation seeks your views on the Government Equalities Office's proposals for draft regulations for the specific duties and the list of public bodies that will be subject to the general and specific duties. The consultation opened on 19 August 2010 and will close on 10 November 2010.

For full details please use the link below:

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/specific_duties_consultation.aspx?dm_i=674,8DVK,KIR2J,LLOO.1

RESOURCES

New Philanthropy Capital's Well-being Measure

NPC's Well-being Measure for 11 to 16 year olds is a tool that enables organisations to understand the well-being of the young people they help and demonstrate their impact to funders. We are in the process of turning the Well-being Measure into an online tool, which will be completed in late November.

Visit our website for more information:

http://www.philanthropycapital.org/how_we_help/big_ideas/Wellbeing_project.aspx?dm_i=59B,91WK,KFOY9,NRU2,1

To receive regular updates about our well-being project, please email wellbeing@philanthropycapital.org

Surviving cuts in government spending

Source: Women's Aid

New Philanthropy Capital has just published a paper about how charities can prove their worth to Whitehall. HM Treasury has asked all government departments to prioritise their main programmes against a tough set of criteria to ensure value for money in public spending. The questions posed may be just as relevant for charities assessing the future chances of government funding:

- Is the activity essential to meet government priorities?
- Does the government need to fund this activity?
- Does the activity provide substantial economic value?
- Can the activity be targeted to those most in need?
- How can the activity be provided at lower cost?
- How can the activity be provided more effectively?
- Can the activity be provided by a non-state provider or by citizens, wholly, or in partnership?
- Can non-state providers be paid to carry out the activity according to the results they achieve?
- Can local bodies, as opposed to central government, provide the activity?

EVENTS & TRAINING

For a full list of events taking place in Warwickshire and throughout the UK please use the link below to be taken to the website listings

<http://www.talk2someone.org.uk/professional/events-training>

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